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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ALERTED BY HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS TO THE DECEMBER 8 ARREST OF 15-25 PERSONS AT THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH WHO WERE DISCUSSING METHODS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT RELATIVES WHO HAD DISAPPEARED.
- 2. IF THE EMBASSY HAS NO OVERRIDING OBJECTION, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCERN OVER THE ARREST SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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